

Amendments to the claims

1. (Original) A safety holder for holding a firework while the firework is ignited; the holder comprising:

a body having first and second opposed portions movable with respect to each other between an unclamped position where the firework may be positioned between the first and second portions and a clamped position where the firework is engaged by the first and second portions; and

a retaining device connected to the body; the retaining device selectively holding the first and second portions in the clamped position against the firework.

2. (Original) The holder of claim 1, wherein the retaining device includes first cord portion connected to the first portion of the body and a second cord portion connected to the second portion of the body; the cord portions being selectively connected together to hold the first and second body portions in the clamped position.

3. (Original) The holder of claim 2, wherein the first and second cord portions are connected together and extend around the body.

4. (Original) The holder of claim 3, wherein the first and second portions of the body define an opening adapted to allow the firework being inserted between the first and second body portions; the cord portions extending across the opening when connected together.

5. (Original) The holder of claim 2, further comprising a cord lock that holds the cord portions together.
6. (Original) The holder of claim 1, wherein the first and second body portions pivot between the clamped and unclamped positions.
7. (Original) The holder of claim 6, wherein the first and second body portions pivot about a living hinge.
8. (Original) The holder of claim 1, further comprising an anchor selectively connected to the body; the anchor adapted to stabilize the body while the firework is being ignited.
9. (Original) The holder of claim 8, wherein the anchor extends from opposed sides of the body.
10. (Original) The holder of claim 9, wherein the body defines at least two slits; the anchor disposed through the slits.
11. (Original) The holder of claim 8, wherein the anchor is in the form of a stake that passes through a portion of the body; the stake being adapted to be pressed into the ground.
12. (Original) The holder of claim 1, wherein the body is configurable between an erected position that defines the first and second portions and a collapsed position where the body is flat.

13. (Original) The holder of claim 12, wherein the body includes top and bottom panels connected together by a rear panel; each of the top and bottom panels having opposed sides; the body further including a plurality of side flaps; two of the side flaps extending from the opposed sides of the top panel and two of the side flaps extending from the opposed sides of the bottom panel.

14. (Original) The holder of claim 13, wherein the side flaps of the top panel overlap the side flaps of the bottom panel when the body is in the erected position.

15. (Original) A safety holder for holding a firework while the firework is ignited; the holder comprising:

- a body having first and second opposed portions pivotable with respect to each other between an unclamped position where the firework may be positioned between the first and second portions and a clamped position where the firework is engaged by the first and second portions;

- the body being configurable between an erected position that defines the first and second portions and a collapsed position where the body is flat;

- the body including a top panel, a bottom panel, a rear panel, and a plurality of side flaps;

- the top and bottom panels being connected to the rear panel with living hinges; and

- the rear panel defining a living hinge about which the first and second portions pivot between the clamped and unclamped positions.

16. (Original) The holder of claim 15, further comprising a retaining device connected to the body; the retaining device selectively holding the first and second portions in the clamped position against the firework.

17. (Original) The holder of claim 15, further comprising an anchor selectively connected to the body; the anchor adapted to stabilize the body while the firework is being ignited.

18. (Original) The holder of claim 17, wherein the bottom panel of the body defines at least two slits; the anchor disposed through the slits.

19. (Original) The holder of claim 17, wherein each of the top and bottom panels have opposed sides;

two of the side flaps extending from the opposed sides of the top panel and two of the side flaps extending from the opposed sides of the bottom panel; and

the side flaps of the top panel overlap the side flaps of the bottom panel when the body is in the erected position.

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